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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/568,355; Filed: February 14, 2006
For: **Method For Producing α -Fluoromalonic Acid Dialkyl Esters**
Inventors: GUNTHER *et al.*
Our Ref: 2400.0200000/VLC/BLS

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2. Form PTO/SB/08A (1 sheet);
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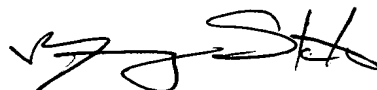
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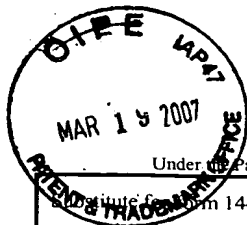
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